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<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER 1188-0125PUS1
		U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) <b>10/522750</b>
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/JP2003/010738	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 26 August 2003	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 27 August 2002
TITLE OF INVENTION THERMOPLASTIC ELASTOMER AND MOLDED ARTICLE THEREOF		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Tadashi IMAI		

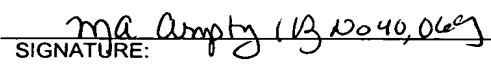

Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

- ☒ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.
- ☐ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.
- ☒ This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371 (f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.
- ☐ The US has been elected (Article 31).
- ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2))
  - ☐ is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
  - ☒ has been communicated by the International Bureau.
  - ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
- ☒ An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2)).
  - ☒ is attached hereto.
  - ☐ has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
- ☒ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3))
  - ☐ are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
  - ☐ have been communicated by the International Bureau.
  - ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
  - ☒ have not been made and will not be made.
- ☐ An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)).
- ☒ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(4)).
- ☐ An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(5)).

**Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:**

- ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
- ☒ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
- ☒ A preliminary amendment.
- ☐ An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.
- ☐ A substitute specification.
- ☐ A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.
- ☐ A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825.
- ☐ A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
- ☐ A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
- ☒ Other items or information: PCT/ISA/210; PCT/IB/301; PCT/IB/304; PCT/IB/306 & PCT/IB/308

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21. The following fees are submitted: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a) Basic national fee ..... \$300.00 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> b) Examination fee ..... \$200.00 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c) Search fee ..... \$500.00  <b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS = \$1000.00</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof. <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th style="width: 15%;">Total Sheets</th> <th style="width: 15%;">Extra sheets</th> <th style="width: 35%;">Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof (round up to a whole number)</th> <th style="width: 35%;">RATE</th> </tr> <tr> <td>31 - 100 =</td> <td>/50 =</td> <td></td> <td>x \$250.00</td> </tr> </table>				Total Sheets	Extra sheets	Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof (round up to a whole number)	RATE	31 - 100 =	/50 =		x \$250.00	Applicant Use	Office Use Only
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Total claims	8 - 20 =	x	\$ 0.00										
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<b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</b>				\$ 1,360.00									
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.				\$									
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<b>TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =</b>				\$ 1,360.00									
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21 (h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property				\$ 40.00									
<b>TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =</b>				\$ 1,400.00									
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a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$ <u>1,400.00</u> to cover the above fees is enclosed. b. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. _____ in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. <u>02-2448</u> . A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. d. <input type="checkbox"/> Fees are to be charged to a credit card. <b>WARNING:</b> Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.													
<b>NOTE:</b> Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137 (a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the International Application to pending status.													
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